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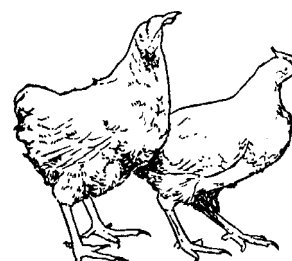
## CHICKENS & EGGS

**Maryland** laying flocks produced 71 million eggs during January 2001, of which 65 million were table eggs and 6 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 74.5 percent. The average number of layers on hand during January 2001 was 3,073,000. On February 1, 2001, 3 percent of the layers in Maryland were being molted and 36.5 percent of all layers had been through a molt.

**United States** egg production totaled 7.25 billion during January 2002, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.16 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2002 averaged 338 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during January 2001. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,143 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,128 eggs in January 2001.

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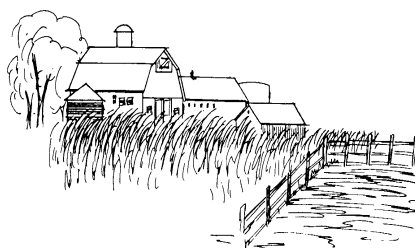
Eggs and Layers: January 2001 and 2002<sup>1</sup>

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
<b>Eggs Produced During January</b>	<i>.....Million.....</i>		<i>Percent</i>
U.S.	7,103	7,248	102
Maryland	71	75	106
<b>Layers, Average Number During January</b>	<i>.....Thousand.....</i>		
U.S.	333,798	338,265	101
Maryland	3,073	3,217	105
<b>Eggs/100 Layers During January</b>	<i>.....Number.....</i>		
U.S.	2,128	2,143	101
Maryland	2,310	2,331	101

<sup>1</sup> 2001 preliminary, 2000 Revised.

## FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2001 is estimated at 2.16 million, down 0.7 percent from 2000. The decline in farms and ranches occurred primarily in agricultural operations with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic class. This is the second largest decline in farms and ranches since the 1.4% drop in 1991. Total land in farms, at 941.2 million acres, declined 0.2 percent or 1.9 million acres from last year. The average size of farm increased 2 acres from 434 acres in 2000 to 436 acres in 2001.



NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS: MARYLAND AND UNITED STATES, 1996-2001						
STATE	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>NUMBER OF FARMS</i>						
Maryland	13,700	13,000	12,500	12,400	12,400	12,400
United States	2,190,500	2,190,510	2,191,360	2,192,070	2,172,280	2,157,780
<i>LAND IN FARMS</i>						
----- 1,000 acres -----						
Maryland	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
United States	958,675	956,010	953,500	947,440	943,090	941,210

## CROP VALUES

The 2000 marketing year average prices (MYA) in Maryland were up for only tobacco and potatoes. Corn was down 36 cents a bushel as record yields produced an abundance of grain. The value of the grain produced was over 125 million dollars, nearly 60 percent more valuable than the smaller 1999 crop. The soybean crop was also large but prices were only 6 cents below the smaller 1999 crop. The soybean MYA price for 2000 was \$4.60 per bushel and this level made the value of the crop almost 102 million dollars, compared to only 72 million for the 1999 crop. The value of the wheat and barley crops in 2000 was very close to their 1999 values. The alfalfa hay price was down \$8 per ton while other hay generated an average of \$2.00 per ton more than 1999. The value of what will most likely be the final major tobacco harvest in Maryland was slightly more than 15 million dollars, comparable to 1999 and 1998. Potato growers were encouraged by an increase of \$1 per hundred pounds, a 13 percent boost. On a national level, the total value of production for field and misc. crops was \$2.9 billion higher than 1999 but \$3.5 billion less than 1998. United States MYA prices for most crops are computed by weighting State MYA prices by the estimated quantity sold in each State. The exceptions are corn, oats, barley, wheat, and soybeans, which are computed by weighting U.S. monthly prices by monthly marketings for the U.S.

marketing year. State MYA prices for these monthly crops are computed by weighting monthly prices by the monthly percentages of total sales during their marketing year.

PRICE AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, MAJOR CROPS, MARYLAND						
CROPS	AVERAGE PRICE			VALUE OF PRODUCTION		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
<i>Dollars per Bushel      Thousands of Dollars</i>						
Corn for Grain	2.36	2.01	2.05	79,013	126,178	114,308
Soybeans	4.66	4.50	4.10	71,578	99,653	82,349
Wheat	2.25	2.10	2.45	27,000	26,460	27,011
Barley	1.35	1.40	1.30	5,400	5,740	4,973
<i>Dollars per Ton      Thousands of Dollars</i>						
Alfalfa Hay	138.00	119.00	144.00	23,184	34,034	29,088
Other Hay	119.00	108.00	124.00	42,840	45,900	39,680
<i>Dollars per Lb      Thousands of Dollars</i>						
Tobacco	1.660	1.690	1.650	15,106	13,968	4,546
<i>Dollars per Hundred Pounds      Thousands of Dollars</i>						
Potatoes	7.55	8.60	8.50	8,516	10,509	9,998

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Local farm operators saw another decline in prices they receive for their commodities during February. Only calf and poultry prices gained during February. Compared to a year ago, only cattle, broiler and egg prices were higher.

As low as Maryland corn, soybean and egg prices have fallen, Maryland prices for those products were above the U.S. average during February.

Commodity	Unit	Maryland and Delaware			United States			Parity Price
		FEB	JAN	FEB	FEB	JAN	FEB	
		2001	2002	2002	2001	2002	2002 1/	
Dollars								
Wheat, Winter	BU	2.29	2.78	2.29	2.75	2.81	2.82	9.37
Corn	BU	2.07	2.21	2.07	1.96	1.97	1.93	6.35
Barley	BU	1.41	1.52	1.41	2.10	2.10	2.19	6.23
Soybeans	BU	4.49	4.21	4.49	4.46	4.22	4.19	13.90
All Hay, Baled	TON	94.00	137.00	94.00	86.90	93.00	90.40	-----
Apples, Fresh	LB	0.215	----	0.215	0.152	0.217	0.214	0.468
All Beef Cattle	CWT	74.20	67.30	74.20	74.70	67.10	70.40	155.00
Calves	CWT	90.00	93.60	90.00	109.00	102.00	104.00	206.00
Hogs	CWT	35.70	36.60	35.70	39.20	37.70	38.40	100.00
Milk, Fluid MKT	CWT	12.40	16.80	12.40	13.10	13.40	13.40	32.20
Chickens <u>2/</u>	LB	0.080	0.087	0.080	-----	---	-----	-----
Broilers	LB	0.355	0.332	0.355	0.370	0.370	0.340	-----
Turkeys, Live	LB	----	----	----	0.363	0.341	0.341	0.942
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.573	0.542	0.573	0.509	0.450	0.366	1.51

1/ Mid-Month Forecast, Entire Month Price.

2/ Does not include broilers

INDEX OF U.S. PRICES RECEIVED			
INDEX AND RATIOS	UNITED STATES 1990 - 92 =100		
	FEB 2001	JAN 2002*	FEB 2002
All Farm Products	100	*95	99
All Crops	98	*93	101
Feed Grain & Hay	90	*90	90
Oil- Bearing Crops	80	*76	76
Fruits & Nuts	83	*84	86
All Livestock and Livestock Products	102	*97	97
Meat Animals	98	*90	93
Dairy Products	100	*103	102
Poultry and Eggs	112	109	100
Ratio 1/	81	78	81
Prices Paid Index	124	122	122

\* Revised

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

## APRIL REPORT CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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